

ABSTRACT

APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING OPTICAL RADIATION

4 Apparatus for providing optical radiation, which apparatus comprises an
5 optical fibre (5) having a core (3), a first cladding (1) and a second cladding (2), in
6 which the first cladding (1) has a substantially constant diameter (9) in its cross-
7 section. The first cladding (1) can be non-circular. Advantages include more reliable
8 cleaving, joining and splicing.